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Chicago Plan Commission

Agenda #6 601 W. Monroe St.
(Near West Side, 42nd Ward)

Dear commissioners,

-It's blocking the view of Presidential Towers and I'm not at all mad about that

-Architecturally the towers are "okay". With such visual prominence, one would hope for a more visually engaging design instead of a generic box.

-The hotel was removed for additional family units according to the alderman email in February 2021... And with what 'true' public input? Why not encourage the developer to by additional FAR and have both hotel and residential? This is the third time in as many years that a hotel proposed for a higher profile project in the 42nd Ward was scraped by the alderman. Had there been a true public meeting, I would have asked my questions then.

-How much in tax revenue and job creation is being lost due to the removal of the hotel programming?

-Why was the height reduced and why is that always celebrated by alderman when presented?

-The base is still visually overwhelming... Was there ever consideration or encouragement to go below grade for parking, at least a floor or two?

-The dual towers-on-podium concept seems to be SCB's game plan. They did it in the 1970's McClurg Court Center and the 2010's with The Streeter & Atwater Place in Streeterville.

-Why were there no public meetings on this project? I don't recall any notifications for Zoom or in-person presentations for this proposal... Please correct me if I'm wrong.

Sincerely,

Butler V. Adams
Chicago Boaster